Husk-beating Industry.

388. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how they have noted the man-killing features of the husk-beating industry prevailing in Cranganur, Kuzhupilli and other places of the State and whether they intend to experiment machinery with a view to minimise the horrors of the industry?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have not realised that the husk-beating industry is man-killing. The centralisation of the husk-beating industry by the introduction of machinery will adversely affect thousands of labourers—who are now earning their livelihood by this work. An attempt made by Government to introduce machinery and to localise the industry at Cherai some time ago has failed. It seems therefore advisable to leave this indegenous industry as it is.

Publication—Madras Mail—Administrative Council—Cochin.

389. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any truth in the publication in the Madras Mail to the effect that Cochin will soon have an Administrative Council?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

General Economic Depression and Retrenchment.

390. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) have the Government brought into force any measure to reduce the cost of administration;

(2) if they have not, have they intention to effect retrenchment in the cost of administration;

(3) if they have, will they be pleased to state the heads under which they propose to effect the same;

(4) is the Government aware that orders have been passed by neighbouring Government including Mysore effecting reductions in the pay and travelling allowance of Government Officers and also by reducing the strength of the staff in offices where reductions could be had without imparing quantity and quality of work?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1), (2) & (3). Some reduction in the rates of travelling allowance has been effected. There is no other proposal at present.

(4) Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has the Government any objection to consider the proposals for reduction in the above lines?

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Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No objection. In fact this proposal was considered and was postponed for the present.

Orders on the Special Finance Committee's report—Maximum pay.

391. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the orders of the Government on the Special Finance Committee's report accepting the resolution recommending in the case of officers drawing Rs. 60 and below who have put in 25 years' service, the maximum of their pay will be given at once, has been given effect to from 1st Chingam 1105 as stated in the order;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for not doing so; if only some have been given, the number benefited and the number not benefited?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Yes, except the Excise Preventive Force in which case the orders were given effect to only from 6th Chingam 1107, the date on which their reorganisation was brought into force.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (a).

Choolisseri Village.

392. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the number of inhabitants of the Choolisseri village according to the latest Census as well as the one before it;

(b) whether there is any school in the Choolisseri village;

(c) are there schools anywhere near which can be resorted to by the children of this village;

(d) what is the distance to any such school;

(e) is there any road communication from the village to any such school;

(f) does the Government know that this village is nothing but an island in the rainy season?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—

(a)

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1931	746	791	1,537
1921	649	669	1,318

(b) No.

(c) (1) S. D. School, Velappayi
(2) S. K. V. School, Edakulam
(3) M. S., Varadiam
(4) M. S., Kuttur

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